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SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE IN UN

REFERENCE: GUATEMALA 5607

1. IN PERIODIC UPDATE ON STATE-OF-PLAY IN UN, BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ARA/CEN ON 14 OCTOBER. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, SHOMAN HAD PROVIDED TO IVOR RICHARD TEXT OF A MODERATE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH, WITH A BIT OF MASSAGING TO WHICH SHOMAN AGREED AD REFERENDUM, BRITISH FELT WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO GUATEMALANS. HOWEVER, QUOTE SHORTLY THEREAFTER UNQUOTE, SHOMAN PULLED FROM HIS POCKET ANOTHER RESOLUTION WHICH HE TOLD RICHARD HE HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE CARIBBEANS. THIS, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, WAS A MUCH TOUGHER RESOLUTION.

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2. SOURCE REPORTS UKDEL HAS MANAGED TO NEGOTIATE THIS

SECOND RESOLUTION (SHOMAN AGAIN AGREEING AD REFERENDUM TO PRICE AND BELIZEAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS) TO SOMETHING WHICH THE GUATEMALANS WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO AGREE TO BUT IN WHICH THEY SHOULD ACQUIESCE. DEPTOFF MADE THE POINT

THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO DRAFTS IS ENORMOUS, AND IN PRESENT SITUATION COULD BE CRITICAL. SOURCE STATED AGAIN UKDEL INTENDS MAINTAIN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH GUATEMALAN DELEGATION ON WORDING OF RESOLUTION.

3. SOURCE, REPORTEDLY QUOTING FROM UK REPORTING CABLE, STATED QUOTE RICHARD TOLD SHOMAN TO STOP PISSING AROUND WITH RESOLUTION OR UK WOULD WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT UNQUOTE. SOURCE STATED UK WOULD WITHDRAW SUPPORT IN ANY EVENT IF SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION (HE DID NOT SAY MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY) COULD NOT BE AGREED UPON.

4. AMBASSADOR MELOY'S SUGGESTIONS RE WORDING OF RESOLUTION PASSED TO UK EMBASSY HERE. INGERSOLL

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